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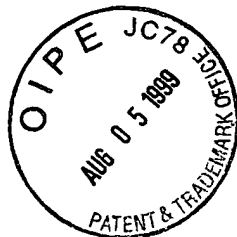
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action (paper no. 16) mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 2, 1999. Applicants request a three month extension of time and enclose the appropriate fee and petition therefor under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(c).

In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks set forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.